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OUR FUEL SUPPLY.

Somebody must have taken an optimistic view of the situation in Tonopah judging from the reports made by the Nevada fuel administrator who boldly states that the grave crisis has passed in southern Nevada where there is no danger of a famine. The fact is there is no coal to be had except in sack lots and those are reserved for emergencies for the accommodation of poor people who cannot afford to buy in larger quantities. A survey of the local market shows a lamentable deficiency that may prove alarming unless cars en route arrive within the next forty-eight hours. The cold spell of the past week made great drains on the stock on hand and many families who thought they were provided sufficiently for weeks to come are beginning to see the bottom of the bin. However this state is in better shape than many of the eastern states which are closer to the mines, but the prospect of an actual famine has not occurred to many householders who believed the coal strike would be of short duration. The fact that the Utah mines are operating to moderate capacity holds out promise that shipments for Tonopah will reach their destination and this as there is a minimum risk of confiscation on the way as the railroads of the Pacific coast, including the territory between San Francisco and Ogden, use oil burning locomotives and on that account shipments are more likely to reach their destinations. The Utah mines are too distant from the suffering regions of the middle west to be drawn upon and, unless there is some radical change in the situation, the tonnage from Utah will continue to roll toward the coast. However, all consumers are enjoined to use the utmost caution and economy in getting the fullest value out of their stocks of coal and wood until after the crisis is over. Months of capacity production will be required to make up the loss of fuel that has occurred during the shut-down and a return to normal conditions will be slow.

NEVADA'S COAL RESOURCES.

A paragraph going the rounds of the industrial press calls attention to a paradoxical situation in China to the effect that the empire which has known coal deposits greater than any other country on the face of the globe continues to buy coal from Japan and thus places itself in debt to its worst enemy. Accepting this for the truth, what can be said about Nevada with coal measures capable of supplying the entire state and shipping a large surplus to coast cities, going to Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico for coal. The story is almost incredible but nevertheless, it is a cold fact that cannot be disputed. For thirteen years efforts have been made to develop coal existing at Coaldale but every effort to interest moneyed men in the venture have fallen short of enlisting an adequate amount of capital. Stock in the most promising company within sixty miles of Tonopah has been offered at bargain counter prices without gaining any support. Over \$40,000 has been expended on development and a few thousand dollars more would result in making Nevada independent of all outside supplies. Citizens of Nevada do not seem to take the fuel famine seriously. The apathy, especially under existing conditions, remains unanswerable to the outside investor, who naturally holds aloof when he learns that home capital cannot be found to take hold in a business-like way to determine beyond peradventure of doubt that coal in commercial quantities can be opened. Contrast this attitude with the state of affairs in Kansas where 6,000 men of all classes rallied to the call of the governor to go out and dig coal to avert greater hardships than what the citizens of that state have already experienced. Business men, students, artisans, former coal miners and railroad men rallied to the call of their chief executive to enter the mines and save the state from further distress. At Coaldale, according to the best geologists, \$5,000 could extend the present deep shaft to a point where a valuable asset lies dormant waiting the hand of man to wrest it from the bowels of the earth. Nine-tenths of the capital that has already been absorbed in the enterprise has been furnished by California ranchers who are deterred from increasing their investments by the supine lack of confidence manifested by Nevada investors. This is the time and opportunity for Nevada to show that it is independent of outside agencies by direct action, having for its object the proving up of these deposits.

CALIFORNIA BOOSTERS.

Regardless of what one thinks of Native Sons, they are there with the goods when it comes to boosting, when the object is to fatten their own batting average and to enthrone intending settlers and investors with their own flamboyant pride. The other day a storm of hurricane proportions swept San Francisco of every fragment that was not nailed down and then some. The fire department answered 116 alarms in the course of twenty-four hours, extinguishing incipient blazes arising from demolished chimneys. One of the leviathan transports of the United States navy, the largest ship that ever passed through the Golden Gate, was torn from her moorings and sent adrift with a prospective loss of \$10,000,000 which was avoided through the exertions of a score of tugs grappling the monster and holding her back from the rocky shores of Hunter's Point until the vessel managed to get away under her own steam to a place of safety. The wind registered between sixty and seventy miles an hour and navigation in the bay was brought to a standstill for the time being. There is nothing disgraceful about such an occurrence, which was no fault of the Native Sons. Publication of the facts was taken by the people of San Francisco as an indirect reflection on their incomparable climate and the newspapers instantly rushed to the rescue by striving to prove an alibi. They admitted there was something more than a Pacific zephyr but they denied the existence of any danger and proceeded to explain that the only loss was through the sinking of a few scows whose skippers manifested confidence in the placid waters of the bay by loading down to the deck line. Nor a word was uttered about the huge transport, although it was conceded that a few fences whose owners had not given any thought to strengthening their underpinning, had been torn from their foundations. While the explanation did not explain, the im-

pression was given that no atmospheric disturbances, including a few earthquakes and other incidental trimmings, could shake the confidence of the natives in the superb climate of California. The defense was lame and untenable but it served to enlighten the country on that spirit which has made the Golden State what it is. The superb spirit of the inhabitants of San Francisco in resenting what they chose to stigmatize as slanders on their beloved commonwealth must be admired and it would not hurt Nevada to emulate the splendid example of a stricken people in rushing to the defense of their home state.

BIRCH CREEK COMPANY TO WORK ALL WINTER

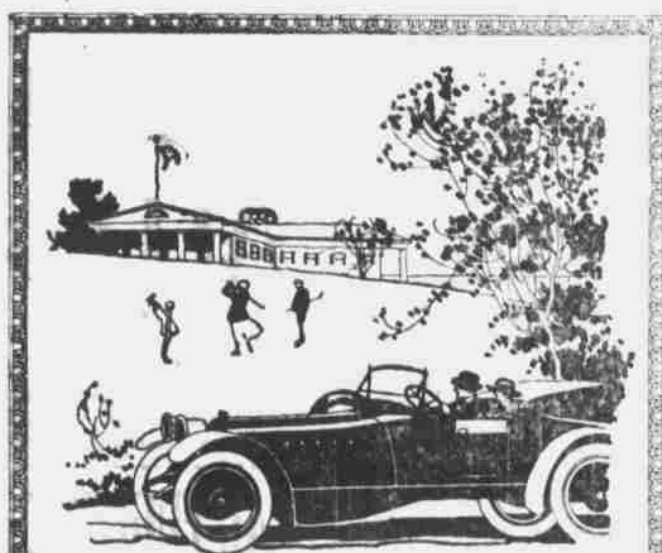
During the past week there has been property. The work of sending the tunnel face further into the mountain has proceeded without interruption, and the usual excellent results obtained.

The boarding house for the men, including a frost proof cellar and the necessary out buildings, is finished and ready for occupancy, and during

the week several four-horse loads of furniture, beds and other supplies were hauled over.

Negotiations for the sale of the property to Stimler and associates, which started last week, have not been concluded. The owners are said to have set a price, and the Tonopah people to have taken it under advisement.

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(By Associated Press)
 CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 29.—Shipping of Christmas trees from this section to California and extreme eastern points is now well under way. For several days the docks in this section have been piled with young fir trees. Christmas tree shipments from here during the last few days have grown considerably, many of them going as far as the Atlantic coast.

A man doesn't find it hard to be content with the faults of the met who are bigger than he is. which was being offered at 25 cents a share, has been withdrawn from the market, and that now it cannot be had at all.—Reese River Reveille

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(Correspondence of Associated Press)
 BULLERICKAY, Eng., Nov. 8.—A fund is being raised here to erect a Mayflower Hall to the memory of three local men and one woman who sailed to America in the Mayflower in 1620.

If experience is so valuable why is it that every man you meet is willing to swap about \$1,000 worth of it for a dime?

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